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2. "Underground petrol reservoirs are under construction at a point two km from Mladany on the right hand side of the road leading to Kolín. They are very close to a tiny hamlet (osada) called Neve Mesto, where about five families live.
3. "The MORAVIA factory at Mariánská Odolá is producing spare parts for jets, mainly exhaust pipes (vyfukova kavalery), made of steel plates two mm thick. The MORAVIA factory recently / date not specified / placed an order for steel heating apparatus produced by the TOS factory in Chotutice. This apparatus was needed for inspection of welded pipes.
4. "A new drainage one pit is being sunk near the Kank hill in the vicinity of Krasna Hora.
5. "A tank unit is stationed in Kolín. Up to 1952 this unit was equipped with These have been replaced by T-34 tanks produced by GPOD Solovnevo.
6. "In villages where the number of inhabitants does not exceed 1,000, the 'house books' (domovní knihy) are held by an official of the National Council. In villages with more than 1,000 inhabitants -- eg Planany -- about 1,200), shareholders or home owners hold the books.

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7. "A new kind of factory militia, officially established in autumn 1952, went into operation at the beginning of 1953. It is known as the Vnitřní Stráž (Internal Guard). Its task is to guard all factories which serve the army. The members of this Guard wear uniforms with violet facings which are very similar to ordinary army uniforms. At Kolin the former Kolinea factory has been turned into a garrison for this Vnitřní Stráž.
8. "At Kolin the local fire brigade is in charge of the anti-aircraft defence. Its members organize lectures in nearby villages.
9. "The SNB in Planany consists of six persons. The commander is (fnv) Sojka. The officers include (fnv) Novak, (fnv) Krejčurek and (fnv) Nešec. The chairman of the local National Council in Planany is František Lomský. The security referent is Jaroslav Cervinka. The head of the housing department is Rudolf Hnatek. Slavek Časlava, a butcher in Planany, is on the payroll of the STB in Pödebrady. Jaroslav Hrubec, a locksmith is also a member of that unit.
10. "In early April 1953 US dollars were sold on the black market in Pödebrady for 750 cr apiece. US cigarettes were sold at 15 cr apiece."

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